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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE		
RANGE Application of: HOBBS, Steven E. et al.)	
Title: HIGH THROUGHPUT SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR PARALLEL) Group Art Unit: 2881	
SAMPLE ANALYSIS) Examiner: FERNANDEZ, Kalimah	
Serial Number: 10/736,154) Attorney Docket: 133-US	
Filed: December 13, 2003)	
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450		
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Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This preliminary amendment is provided before the receipt of a first Office Action pursuant to MPEP 714.01(e). It is not believed that any fee is due with this amendment; however, if Applicants are incorrect in this regard then please treat this as authorization to charge Deposit Account No. <u>502454</u> for any necessary fee.

Amendment

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

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